

International Energy Week-Moscow Energy Dialogue, on 30.10.2006, discussions were held with Minister of Energy and Industry, Russian Federation on enhancing mutual cooperation between the Indian oil companies and their Russian counterparts.

(b) The Minister of Energy and Industry of Russian Federation indicated that commercial considerations would prevail in choosing the foreign companies in oil and gas projects.

(c) to (e) Russia has expressed interest in Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) pipeline to enter as Operator and offer its experience. However, various aspects of the IPI project are being discussed in bilateral and trilateral fora, and a final decision on participation of the Russian company in the project has not yet been taken.

Appointment of executives in oil companies

2221. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of executives in public sector oil companies as on date, company-wise;

(b) the number of executives who have retired in natural course, voluntarily retired and resigned from services during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, company-wise; and

(c) the number of executives appointed and promoted from non-executives during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) The details of number of executives, the number of executives who have retired in natural course, voluntarily retired and resigned from services during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 in the major public sector oil companies and the number of executives appointed and promoted from non-executives during the same period is given in the Statement.

Statement*Details regarding Executives*

Name of the oil PSUs	Total number of executives who have retired in natural course, voluntarily retired and resigned from services			Total number of executives who have been appointed and promoted from non-executive grade			Total number of executives as on 30.11.2006
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	
ONGC	1436	1214	858	721	646	Nil	22,748
IOCL	256	311	352	429	570	408	11,101
HPCL	63	238	150	88	194	402	4,169
BPCL	97	248	168	151	233	193	4,387
GAIL	24	30	56	87	33	137	2,390
OIL	46	25	27	13	7	11	1171

Scarcity of staff in ONGC

2222. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC is facing scarcity of engineering and technical staff;

(b) if so, the details of the number of engineering and technical staff resigned from the Company during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what are the factors for such exodus of engineering and technical staff from ONGC;

(d) what steps are being taken to retain the skilled manpower with the Company; and

(e) what steps are being taken to ensure adequate supply of skilled human resource to cater to the future requirement of the Company?